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IN SPEECH AND SONG AND STORY

A NIGHT OF WIT, ELOQUENCE AND GOOD CHEER INDULGED IN BY RAT PORTAGERS.

St. George should called be
St. George of Merrie England, the sign of victory.
—Spencer.

To an Englishman away from home the memory of St. George and merrie England are treasures dear: the lengthening chain of the dividing ocean and miles of fertile land and barren rocks, drags at each remove a heavier weight of affection and love for the mother land. The love for adventure may take him to the isles of the sea or the continents of the earth but he is an Englishman still, harboring memories that cannot be subdued by the cares of business or pleasures in other lands. The oft recurring anniversaries of stirring events in English history serve to bring to the [illegible] an Englishman the comrades [illegible] forefathers had in the [illegible]

But [illegible] day more [illegible] it is that [illegible] society of St. George. [illegible] the society [illegible] rather, that of any other. There [illegible] a fusing of [illegible] and education. They love to [illegible] together in imagination to transport themselves to the legal circle, and to glean an hour or hour by reciting the deeds of the great men of which they are an integral part.

It was for this purpose that the recently organized St. George's Society gave a banquet at the Hillcrest house on Monday evening last. The patron saint may have to bed through the veil of the devoted upon many similar occasions [illegible]

In a most eloquent and well pointed address he surveyed the progress of England from its comparative obscurity of the early centuries to the wide spreading empire of today with its illimitable resources. He referred to the part the colonies are taking in the struggle in South Africa, and the appreciation of their loyal devotion to the mother country. The speech was a splendid effort and received the most happy applause of the assembly.

In response to "Canada" Mr. Rideout delivered a witty and very patriotic address—one that put everybody in good humor, and gave a cue to following speakers. J. W. Humble, though not claiming to be a public speaker, clearly demonstrated that when he has anything to say it is to the point, combining logic with humor.

In the absence of Lieut.-Gen. Wilkinson, A. M. Hay replied shortly to "The Army and Navy." He eulogized the colonial forces for their splendid record in South Africa, and felt that Great Britain recognized as she never did before the help that the militia of the colonies could give her in times of trouble.

Dr. Edmison responded to the toast of "Our Town," Mayor McCarthy being unable to be present.

In reply to "Sister Societies," Messrs W. A. Weir and D. C. Cameron delivered two excellent addresses, which breathed the spirit of patriotism in a marked degree. They recognized the advantages of our connection with the motherland, as she recognized the benefits that would accrue to her from the lusty giant colonies or sister nations.

Mr. Hobbs was then called upon and referred to the better understanding which seemed to be dawning with regard to Ireland. He eulogized the bravery of the Irish, who had furnished so many of the best generals and the bravest men in the present and former struggles of the empire. He also referred to the brilliant reception accorded to the Queen on Irish soil. Mr. Hobbs's address was one of well chosen sentiment and pleasing sentiment.

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THE LITTLE BOBS.

Work Already Commenced on This Very Rich Property.

SOME WONDERFUL RICH SPECIMENS

HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN AND AN AMALGAMATION TEST OF 700 LBS. WILL BE MADE AT ONCE.

Thos. Walsh took a crew of five men out to the Little Bobs on Monday and commenced active development and prospect work on this remarkably rich property, which is an island situated at the east end of Ptarmigan bay about 14 miles from town. The party went out on the steamer Balmoral, which was the first real trip of the season, but as the promoters of the Little Bobs Co. desired to get to work at once, the slight difficulty of ice did not disturb them.

Mr. Walsh, with the assistance of one of the miners, was engaged all day Wednesday in panning samples from every part of the property and in every case but two, received magnificent results, and these two were taken outside the vein altogether.

On Wednesday, Chas. Brent, M. E., went out to the property to make a further examination, and his report to the promoters of the company about than encouraged them.

Seven hundred pounds of ore were brought in and an amalgamation test will be made of it at once. Many specimens which show visible gold are being taken from the pile, so there may be no doubt as to a fair test. These specimens are among the richest ever seen here, and if they had been brought from some unknown corner of the earth and shown to the typical miner there would have been a rush to the locality, but such sights are becoming common here as the country is systematically prospected

inaugurated in Rat Portage. It was in the form of a surprise party and needless to state the brothers were very agreeably surprised not only to receive the visit from the ladies and their friends, but to see such a goodly number of Companions, which goes to show that they have not been idle during the short time since their organization. The hall was filled with friends and wellwishers, and after a short programme had been gone through, the evening was given up to dancing, which was apparently enjoyed by all with a zest and appreciation seldom witnessed in similar gatherings. It went to prove that Ancient Foresters have the art of enjoying themselves up to a point bordering on the perfect. Refreshments were provided by the ladies. It is to be hoped that similar surprises are in store for this growing and popular lodge of Ancient Foresters in Rat Portage.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

John Savage is Killed on a Train at Dryden.

Wednesday John Savage, a brakesman on a special freight going east was killed by striking the spout of the water tank at Dryden. He was attempting to enter the cupola of the caboose and the blow hurled him to the ground causing his death. The blow made Savage unconscious and he was taken to Wabigoon with all possible speed where he was attended by Dr. White, who pronounced the injury which was concussion of the brain, to be mortal, and the unfortunate man survived the accident only an hour and terminates. The remains were brought to Rat Portage Thursday morning and prepared for burial by Herman Taylor. His brothers, Conductor P. Savage at Ignace and Mathew Savage at Ignace were immediately telegraphed for. John Savage has been in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway since ten years ago, when he entered the service as a brakesman. Three years ago he was promoted conductor, but being a junior he generally worked as brakesman in the slack season, which he was doing at the time of his death. He has a good record with the C.P.R officials, being held high in their esteem as a painstaking and efficient servant.

The deceased leaves a widow and

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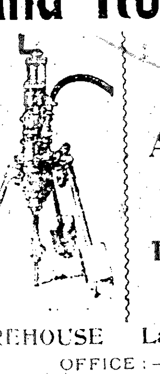

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mutual respect and admiration. They love to gather together; in imagination to transport themselves to the tight little isle, and to guile an hour or hours by reciting the deeds of the great race of which they are an integral part.

It was for this purpose that the recently organized St. George's Society gave a banquet at the Hilliard house on Monday evening last. The patron saint may have looked through the veil of the beyond upon many similar events that night, but in no part of the empire could he have witnessed a more loyal gathering or a more excellently prepared spread of natures' bounties, and if living in the good will of the revered saint counts for anything the Englishmen of Rat Portage may look for a prosperous year.

The well known excellence of banquets given at the Hilliard house was more than sustained. The variety and quality of the menu served under the direction of Mr. Crierie received the approval of the gathering.

The toast list, presided over by Judge Chapple and C. E. Neads, was long, but the intermingling of eloquent phrases, happy remarks and spirited songs made the hours very short.

The toast of "The Queen" was received in the customary loyal manner. "The Governor-General and the President of the United States" was the next on the list, coupled with the names of Robt. Rodgers, M.P.P., and United States Consul G. C. Frisbie. In the absence of Mr. Rodgers the double duty fell to Mr. Frisbie. His speech breathed of the good will, which he said the right minded and thinking Americans feel for the British empire. They recognize the brotherhood of the two great civilizers of the world and that their interests were indissolubly bound in the purposes for which they were contending. In referring to the Governor-General, Mr. Frisbie appeared to be as much at home as though he were dealing with subjects of the country which he represents.

A. C. Boyce had been selected to respond to the toast of the evening "Merrie England," and he did it in a manner which left little to be added.

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The press was represented by E. A. Chapman and J. P. Earngey. Mr. Chapman expressed his pleasure at listening to the many excellent addresses which breathed of a loyalty that left no room to doubt the unity of the British race in all quarters.

Interspersed between the various toasts the orchestra gave selections. Mr. Leveque gave two songs in a spirited manner, which lent color to the evening. Messrs. A. M. Hay, F. Beale and several others also contributed songs.

About 3.30 the proceedings wound up with Auld Lang Syne.

Mr. Hilliard and those who had the catering deserve much credit for the excellent spread. To their efforts and to the efforts of the officers of St. George's society is largely due the pleasant evening given to the sixty or more in attendance.

NEW MINES POLICY.

The Port Arthur Board of Trade Protests Against Proposed Taxes.

At a meeting of the Port Arthur board of trade last week to discuss the new mines policy of the Ontario government, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

1. That there are no iron mines in New Ontario which have so far shipped any ore;
2. That to make iron mining profitable it will be necessary to ship ore for export as well as for the use of Canadian furnaces, as all the contemplated Canadian furnaces would not keep one good iron mine going.
3. That there are no copper mines at present producing and exporting copper ores.
4. That the question of taxing the product of the copper-nickel mines at Sudbury requires more consideration than has as yet been given it.
5. That the mining industries of the province require stimulating by abolishing royalties and reducing taxation rather than by increasing the same.

The Homestake Mine.

Messrs. N. C. Westerfield, manager and C. D. Pruden, president of the Homestake Gold Mining Co. arrived in town last night. They are here in connection with the commencement of active development work on the property. Articles are being signed today for a contract for sinking 100 ft. on the immense vein, and steps are also being taken to arrange for a thorough prospecting of the entire property.

will be made of ... at once. Many specimens which show visible gold are being taken from the pile, so that there may be no doubt as to a fair test. These specimens are among the richest ever seen here, and if they had been brought from some unknown corner of the earth and shown to the typical miner there would have been a rush to the locality, but such sights are becoming common here as the country is systematically prospected and only create a ripple of excitement.

The stock of the company is all being sold in Rat Portage, and is being eagerly gathered up. In fact we are informed that the second issue of stock will most likely be oversubscribed, as was that of the first issue. The company will be in excellent financial shape and will be officered by local men who are known to be shrewd and careful in all business matters.

The proximity of the mine to the town is one of its strongest points, and it is the intention of the promoters to have frequent mill tests, and it is considered that the results will be so rich that there will be no need for any further issue of stock for some time. In fact it is most probable that the bullion produced will be sufficient in itself to pay for the development work. Samples of the quartz may be seen at the offices of the company in the Brent block.

Reef Mill to Start.

Port Arthur Chronicle. Mr. A. E. Hogue, manager of the Hammond Gold Reef Mining Company, was in town Wednesday. He registered at the Algoma.

When we went on the hunt for Mr. Hogue of the reef he was not to be found. We understand, although, that he stated the mill at the reef would start working on 1st of May, the slight alterations he had caused to be made to the stamp foundations have been finished. The motive power for the mill will be electricity, generated by water power at Clearwater Lake, a few miles distant from the mine and mill, where extensive works have been erected for the purpose of developing electric power.

With the starting of the big 40 stamp mill of the Hammond reef will begin a new era in the history of gold mining in Western Ontario, the work ... of the big low grade ore deposits ... which there are a number among them being several in the upper and lower Seine sections, some in the Manitou belt and others in the Lake of the Woods group. The result of operations at the Hammond reef will be watched with keen interest by all who have interest in gold mining in this country.

Court Golden City A. O. F.

On Friday last after the regular business was concluded, the Ancient Foresters were entertained by a visit from the ladies composing the Lodge of Companions of the Forest recently

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The deceased leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss. Widespread sympathy is felt for the bereaved wife and children and brothers of the deceased.

BIG YEAR'S BUSINESS

Rat Portage Lumber Company Making Extensive Preparations.

The sawmill of the Rat Portage Lumber Co. begins running tomorrow morning and will run days only until a large enough supply of logs is brought in to permit them to run day and night. The tugs are now about ready for work. The Monarch and Mary Hatch will leave in the morning for the boom to start hauling logs and the Empress is expected next week with a raft. The Mary Hatch has been remodelled and retimbered largely, besides having a condenser added to her plant and her boilers strengthened, so that she is now a much more powerful boat. The Lumber company are preparing for and expect to do a big season's business are certainly getting an early enough start to justify the expectation. They cut a big supply of logs and were successful in getting them into the water.

BACHELORS' BALL.

First After Lent Was a Huge Success in Every Way.

Last Friday night the bachelors of Rat Portage entertained their friends in the opera house assembly rooms. As the crowd was so large two rooms were used and the supper was served on the stage. The hall was tastefully decorated. Music was furnished by Hanson's orchestra and Steward Crierie was the caterer. Dancing began at 9 and was kept up till well the fact of the matter is, it was a little past 4 and some of the old married people were looking for more pre... ...ns to start over again. The g... looked prettier than usual and the boys looked at them too. Altogether, the ball was a good success and the bachelors deserve great credit.

Mining News.

Now that the lake is again open for travel we shall endeavor to keep the public better posted in regard to mining matters than we have been able to do the past few weeks. Our aim will be to do as we have done in the past, give the public reliable news of late developments in a mining way. There has been no cessation of the work or lack of good results obtained as will be evidenced through the columns of THE MINER from now on.

INTERESTING LETTER

From Rev. F. C. Powell, who is With the Soldiers at the Front.

BOERS FIRED ON THE AMBULANCE

THE WRITER DOES NOT THINK BOERS SHOULD BE TREATED FROM METHODS OF LOVE.

Following are extracts from a letter received from Rev. F. C. Powell, of Cape Town, to whom Col. Ponton, of Belleville had sent a draft on deposit in case any of the Belleville boys should be returned to the Base hospital:

Cape Town, March 13, 1900.

My Dear Colonel Ponton,—I had a note from Walter Mills to say that he was in the Woodstock hospital. I went there immediately and found him fairly comfortable, cheerful and progressing. I was, as yet, unable to provide him with some luxuries (and music) beyond the necessaries of life. He left our friends all well up at the front. South Africa seems to them, I fear, a sorry corner on the earth, a weary land, treeless and without water, barren hills and mountains rising out of an endless plain of dead earth, and yet, after one little dash of rain and a Scotch mist, in an hour or two I have seen a flush of greenness, where all had been dust color, and next morning there are flowers.

FIRED ON AN AMBULANCE.

On Friday I went to Wynberg hospital and had some speech with Captain Pelletier, Montreal, who was with poor Arnold when he was shot through the head, awfully disfigured, they tell me, but he was not killed. As the ambulance bearers were carrying him off the field he was shot again through the shoulder. Pelletier and others say the Boers fired continually on the ambulance. They could hardly plead the excuse of not being able to distinguish the red cross. They are keen enough to pick out and shoot the officers. One might suppose they might be equally keen in detecting and leaving alone the men of mercy, who leisurely walk about with no weapon, never dodging or hiding behind stones, but just quietly picking up wounded soldiers. Pelletier, when night comes on, lives all through the battle again in his sleep, and thrills the fought and fought, so that all the sentries we could put on were not enough to stop the trouble. It was of daily recurrence. Commandant Schiel has extra sentries all to himself—not to prevent him escaping, but to save him from the attack of his own people who show a desire to fall upon him.

And over all this tragedy and comedy of incident towers up the allegorical mountain, mists hanging in shifting scarfs of light and shade about the top. Imagination pictures a silent ruined Dutch fort with guns half buried in sand far down at the bottom. The nation in her strength going her long road and our boys up there at the front in the great struggle (some of them, Canadians and Royal Munsters, writing me, "We still have our little evensong, even though we sing with more vigor than harmony")—among peaks and rocks like a gathering of Witches of Endor, footsore, ragged to the waist, yet all cheerful and uncomplaining while they keep the feast that God has laid upon them, as they never kept it before. Believe me yours faithfully,

F. C. POWELL.

The Returning Tide.

A week ago last Monday 119 immigrants, men, women and children, of all nationalities, left Detroit and its environs to seek homesteads in Alberta, Canada. Last Monday 108 others followed, bound for the same place, others bound for Manitoba and Assiniboia. The members of the last named party were all from Detroit and Wyandotte, with the exception of four families from Corunna.

A few days before the Canadian government had 23 trains headed for the west in a single day, and 6,000 settlers are expected to be marshalled from Michigan before the summer fairly begins.—Detroit News.

Everybody Is Coughing.

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Double Action.

Sillicus—Money will do anything for a man.

Cynicus—Perhaps that's the reason man reciprocates and would do anything for money.—Philadelphia Record.

The greatest bay on the face of the earth is that of Bengal. Measured in a straight line from the two inclosing peninsulas, its extent is about 420,000 square miles.

You May Have One Free!

A TWICE TOLD TALE

A St. Thomas Lady in May, '97, Told how Doan's Kidney Pills Cured Her of Backache and Made Her Strong and Healthy.

In a recent letter she tells how she has enjoyed two and a half years of splendid health—free from pain or suffering.

There are very few remedies now on the market that will stand the test of time. All they do is to give a little temporary relief. They never go to the seat of the trouble and root it out of the system.

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Their action on the kidneys is of a permanent curative character, altogether unlike any of the substitutes or cheap imitations.

One strong proof of this is the two statements made by Mrs. E. W. Trump, of St. Thomas, Ontario.

The first of these, made May 10th, 1897, is as follows: "When I commenced taking Doan's Kidney Pills I was sick and miserable with severe pains in my back and kidneys. I was also very weak and nervous. Since using these pills the pains have been removed, my nerves have been strengthened and good health has been restored to me. They are a splendid medicine for kidney troubles of any kind."

The second statement which we give below is of recent date, and shows what splendid health Mrs. Trump has had since Doan's Kidney Pills have cured her over two and a half years ago.

"Over two years ago I wrote telling of the cure made in my case by Doan's Kidney Pills. At the present time I am enjoying the very best of health, sleep well, eat well and my old enemies, backache and kidney trouble have never returned. Instead of misery and a broken down constitution, I have for the past two years enjoyed a fresh sense of the value and beauty of life."

THE SHOPPING MAN'S WOES.

Unless Specially Gifted He Fails to Command Respect From Clerks.

[illegible] ... exis ... [illegible] ... on the street ... you have ... you so to ... to cross ... a friend, he ... [illegible] ... I went into a store with him the ... the young woman at the ... where we stopped continued conversation with another young woman ... "My dear ..." said my friend blandly, "I trust you will pardon me for intruding upon that important discussion, but if you ..." "What do you wish?" said the clerk, looking startled. "Do not be angry," my friend replied. "I know, of course, that the occasional interruption of customers ... no doubt." By that time the ... girl was ... and I really felt sorry for her. We ... went out. I expressed ... at ... with which he ... attention

in 1890. German was talked by 30,320,000 in 1801, and in 1890 this number had reached 75,200,000. Italian was used by 15,070,000 people in 1801, and the number had got up to 33,400,000 in 1890. These estimates were made by Mulhall in 1891, and exhibit the wonderful growth of the English language in 90 years. Another authority estimated the number speaking the English language in 1895 at over 124,130,000. English is fast becoming the polite language all over Europe and Asia. It is estimated that in the east 18,000,000 Hindoos, Mohammedans, Buddhists and others speak and read English. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Chinese minister to Washington, in a recent address delivered at Philadelphia, said that at all the trade centers of the East the English language held a place in the counting room and school such as no other language could claim. "Chinese, Japanese, Germans, Russians and Frenchmen alike," he said, "make use of it in their business offices, in their clubs and in their family circles. In short, it may be called the commercial language of the Orient."

As large as has been the increase in the past century, we believe that it will be small when compared with the augmentation in the number who will be added to those who speak English in the coming one hundred years. This will be so because the outlook for the new century was never more promising for those who speak this growing language. The British race, by reason of great wealth, growing influence and the large extent of country over which it has acquired sovereignty, will naturally double many times its advantages. With this there should naturally come a large increase in the British population. This should logically tend to a dominance of the British people and this should come an increase in the number of the other races who will speak English. It is hardly safe to guess the number, but it seems well in the range of possibilities that ... will speak English within the next century.

After Doctors Failed.

HOW PERLEY MISNER, OF WELLANDPORT, RECOVERED HEALTH.

He Suffered From Hip Joint Disease and Abscesses His Friends Feared He Would be a Permanent Invalid.

From The Journal, St. Catharines, Ont.

A reporter of the St. Catharines Journal visiting Wellandport not long ago, heard of one of those remarkable cures that have made Dr. Williams' Pink Pills famous as life savers the world over. The case is that of Perley Misner, son of Mr. Mathias Misner

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enough to pick out and shoot the officers." One might suppose they might be equally keen in detecting and leaving alone the men of mercy who leisurely walk about with no weapon, never dodging or hiding behind stones, but just quietly picking up wounded soldiers. Pelletier, when night comes on, lives all through the battle again in his sleep, and thrills the whole hospital ward with shouts—"Now, Canada: on Can...s!"

I listen in speechless admiration (save the mark!) to the proposed treatment of the Boers as suggested by such people as Stead, Olive Schreiner, and others. It is as if the rats of a house had decided to expel and exterminate the human inhabitants, which latter agree to throw away their rat traps and drown their cats and try to prevail by the broad method of love.

We were speaking of the Modder river, which the Boers poisoned by rolling in the dead bodies of horses, and, shocking to say, of men too, above our camp, and then someone spoke about the great size of the St. Lawrence, and how almost impossible it would be to poison it, when a gentleman from London town, sitting on the hospital steps, struck in with the remark. "That is not a river." "Why not?" said I. "I call the Thames a river," said he, "but not that thing." "Nonsense," said I, "what is it then?" "Why," said he, "I would call that a 'deoming hocean.'"

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Drill Prospecting.

It is said that the United Verde mine in Arizona, the major share in which is owned by Senator Clark, of Montana, has been prospected to a depth of 2,000 feet with the diamond drill to ... the extent of its ore bodies. ... method of prospecting would be ... if it could only be relied upon ... it cannot. Once the drill passes out of sight its course in the formation is thereafter mere guess work. There is practically nothing to guide it through the formation, and its course may be deflected. The core which it throws out is, therefore, of uncertain value as determining what is actually in the ground, an exact knowledge of which it is desirable to secure. Before the lower levels of the Comstock were abandoned and allowed to flood, the ground was perforated for hundreds of feet in every direction in search of new bonanzas, but the core of the diamond drill was invariably barren. If it could be relied upon that the core made by the drill to ... a true course each time, then it could be said with certainty that there were no more bonanzas with the reach of modern methods of mining in the lode. But that is just what no one can say. And it is the uncertainty about the direction taken by the prospecting drill tubes, which gives men faith still in the value of the Comstock at lower depths than any yet reached. The safer way to prospect is that which is most in vogue—by shaft, drift and tunnel—and even they sometimes miss the mark, although exact knowledge is possessed of their course. —Mining World.

madam,' said my friend blandly, 'I trust you will pardon me for intruding upon that important discussion, but if you'—'What do you wish?' said the clerk, looking startled. 'Do not be angry,' my friend replied. 'I know, of course, that the occasional interruption of customers must be annoying, and no doubt'— By that time the poor girl was in a nervous flutter, and I really felt sorry for her. When we went out, I expressed surprise at the ease with which her attention had been secured, and my friend laughed. 'Oh, it's no trick at all,' he said. 'All you have to do is to keep cool yourself.'

"Next day I was fool enough to try the system myself after I had camped beside a counter for ten minutes waiting for a large and haughty lady to conclude a conversation. 'My dear madam'— I began, trying to imitate my friend's sang froid. 'Sir!' exclaimed the saleslady, wheeling on me suddenly and freezing my blood with a ferocious glare. 'My dear,' I stammered—'my dear!— Really I could go no further. My tongue stuck to the roof of my mouth, and I could feel the sweat breaking out on my forehead. I know I must have looked the picture of helpless imbecility. 'What do you mean by calling me your dear and things like that?' demanded the enraged amazon. What earthly reply could I make? I did the only thing possible. I got up and sneaked out, expecting every minute to feel a policeman grab me by the collar. So, as I said before, unless you have the way about you you might as well put up with those little annoyances. The faculty of blandly bluffing one's fellow beings is something that can't be acquired."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

What Pleased Him.

Ellen Terry told the following story: "We played 'The Merchant of Venice' one Christmas day in America, and I gave 'a pass' to a nice, kind old colored waiter who attended me at my hotel. After the play I asked him what had struck him most and would live longest in his memory.

"'The pound of flesh?'

"'No.'

"'The running away of Jessica?'

"'No.'

"'The Jew?'

"'No.'

"'What, then?'

"'Oh! it certainly pleased me mighty to see all those lovely ladies and gentlemen a-bowin' themselves down before that colored gentleman!'

"He meant the Prince of Morocco!"

His Best Thanks.

A certain militia officer is much disliked by his men. One evening, as he was returning home, he slipped into some deep water. A private in his regiment, however, happened to see him, and after some trouble succeeded in pulling him out. The officer was very profuse in his thanks and asked his rescuer the best way he could reward him.

"The best way you can reward me," said the soldier, "is to say nothing about it."

"Why, my dear fellow," said the astonished officer, "why do you wish me to say nothing about it?"

"Because if the other fellows knew I'd pulled you out they'd chuck me in!"—London Answers.

Growth of English Language.

The English language was spoken in 1801 by 20,520,000 people, and in 1890 the number had reached 111,100,000. The French language was used in conversation in 1801 by 31,450,000, and this number had increased to 51,200,000

... From Hip Joint Disease and Abscesses His Friends Feared He Would be a Permanent Invalid.

From The Journal, St. Catherines, Ont.

A reporter of the St. Catherines Journal visiting Wellandport not long ago, heard of one of those remarkable cures that have made Dr. Williams' Pink Pills famous as life savers the world over. The case is that of Perley Misner, son of Mr. Mathias Misner, who had suffered from hip joint disease and abscesses, and who had been under the care of four doctors without beneficial results. Mr. Misner gave the particulars of the case as follows: "In the spring of 1892 my son Perley, who was then in his thirteenth year, began to complain of an aching in his hips, and later my attention was directed to a peculiar shamble in his gait. As the trouble gradually increased I took him to a physician in Dunville, who examined him and said the trouble arose from a weakness of the nerves of the hip. This doctor treated Perley for weeks, during which time a large abscess formed on his leg, and he was obliged to get about on crutches. As he continued to decline, I resolved to try another doctor, who diagnosed the case as hip joint disease. He treated Perley for six months. The lad slightly improved at first, but later was taken worse again. He would startle in his sleep and was continually in distress as he could neither sit nor recline with ease, and was weak, faint and confused. During this time the abscess had broken and was discharging in three places, but would not heal. A third doctor advised a surgical operation, which he objected to, and a fourth medical man then took the case in hand. This doctor confined Perley to the bed, and besides giving medicine, he ordered a mechanical appliance to which was attached a 15-pound weight to be placed in a position by a pulley system so as to constantly draw downwards on the limb. This treatment was continued six weeks, causing much pain, but nothing in the way of benefit was noticed. The abscess was dressed twice and thrice a day for months, and frequently, despite the aid of crutches, it was necessary for me to carry him in my arms from the house to the vehicle when taking him out. In October of 1893, I decided, other treatments having failed, to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I told the doctor of this decision, and he said that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills would quite likely be of much benefit. After using four boxes I could see some improvement. After this Perley continued the use of the pills for several months with constant improvement and new vigor, and after taking about 18 boxes the abscess was nicely healed, the crutches were dispensed with, and he was able to work and could walk for miles. I attribute the good health which my son enjoys today to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This medicine achieved such a marvellous success in my son's case as to set the whole community talking about it. I consider no pen expressive enough to do Dr. Williams' Pink Pills justice, as I believe my son would still be a hopeless invalid but for this medicine."

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A picture painted with honest zeal,
And we lose the old for the new ideal;
A chance remark or a song's refrain,
And life is never the same again.

A friendly smile, and love's embering spark
Leaps into flame and illumines the dark;
A whispered "Be brave" to our fellow men,
And they pick up the thread of hope again.
Thus never an act or a word or thought
But that with unguessed importance is fraught;
For small things build up eternity
And blazon the ways for destiny.

—Answers.

THE DRUMMER AND THE DRUMMER

A Story of War and Peace.

BY CHARLES H DAY

I.—WAR.

"Why, you're a Yankee, aren't you?" That was what Gladys Clayton, a little southern girl, said one morning to a small boy dressed in blue who upon her approach had half risen to a sitting posture beside a patch which led both to a spring and a negro cabin, within hailing distance of the spot where the reclining uniformed figure was gazing in open eyed wonder on the vision of juvenile loveliness.

"Yes, I'm a Yank," replied the boy, instinctively saluting. "You can tell that by my blue." Then he paused for a second and said hesitatingly, "Of course you are—are a"—

The boy in blue blushed, and the little maid, with a twinkle in her eyes, said:

"A little rebel. Do you surrender?"

"Hardly," replied the boy, making an endeavor to take his feet, but falling back until he supported himself upon his elbow. An expression of pain swept over his face which startled the child as she exclaimed in sympathetic tones:

"Oh, dear, what a pity! You are wounded, and only a boy!" Then, as a reassurance, she added: "You needn't be afraid, Yankee boy. I won't hurt you, and all the gray soldiers are gone away."

"Where am I?" asked the drummer [illegible]

"You are on the Clayton plantation, boy. My mother says that it is [illegible] from nowhere and the [illegible] at [illegible] made."

"There's been a big fight," said the boy. "Which licked?"

"Mother says that she reckons they [illegible] all they wanted and then [illegible] in good order," answered the girl.

"Where is your father?"

"[illegible] Yankees," was the reply, with a great deal of energy thrown into the words.

"Oh, ho!" exclaimed the boy, and [illegible] in spite of himself, he permitted a groan to escape his lips.

[illegible] But for all that she mustn't let her know of this little chap a-hidin 'ere any more than's if 'twas a-hidin Linkum hisself."

II.—PEACE.

"Lines," said the head of the house to a favorite commercial traveler who had just returned from an extended tour, "do you know anything of the south?"

"A little," was the reply.

"How far south have you been?"

"Richmond."

"Ah!" exclaimed the head of the house. "Long getting there?"

"Pretty near three years."

"First time that I ever heard that you were in the 'late unpleasantness,'" returned his employer. "Never heard about your adventures in that line."

"Well," interrupted the salesman, "you see, I am the [illegible] engaged in the civil war wh[illegible] w[illegible] for [illegible] magazines."

"In many battles?" asked the manager partner.

"Yes."

"Wounded?"

"Twice: once in the leg and the other time in the heart."

"Recovered from the effects of both wounds?"

"Recovered from the effects of the leg; the wound in the heart is still open."

"Um!" was the [illegible] of this [illegible] conversation.

The salesman [illegible] and then the converse became [illegible] business. The desire of the firm was concisely this—to renew a southern trade previously held by the house which had been interrupted by the civil war and never regained; never regained because the house had never made an effort to resume business relations with that section.

"Walter," said the senior partner, becoming familiar, "we must win all that trade back again. I [illegible] not only [illegible] the city houses, but those remote plantation stores at the cross roads which carry such big stocks of our very lines. And as for the salary and commission, the house will guarantee that your trial trip in the new section shall be no loss to you."

When the day for the salesman's departure for Virginia came, the head of the house at parting said:

"Well, you are advancing on [illegible] ground this time under somewhat [illegible] circumstances."

"Not so very different," [illegible] the salesman, with a [illegible] "I was a drummer then, and I'm a drummer now."

Just at dusk one night the [illegible] up to the store on the Clayton [illegible] and walking into [illegible] announced himself [illegible] by presenting his card, and [illegible]:

"I want supper, bed and keep for my horse, lodging for myself and will talk business later."

A young man [illegible] the [illegible] replied:

"That'll be all right, [illegible] The proprietor will be [illegible] moment." Then he ordered a [illegible] darky to "take the horse round to the barn."

The drummer was just going to ask

A LITTLE LIGHT.

Every young woman needs a little light upon the subject of health. There is far too much new-fashioned prudery among mothers. Every young woman should have explained to her the supreme necessity of keeping herself pure and wholesome and free from weakness and disease in a womanly way. Her general health, her future happiness, her good looks, her physical strength, her capability as a wife and mother, and the health and strength of generations to come are dependent upon this.

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APHORISMS.

Conduct is three-fourths of life.—Matthew Arnold.

The truest wisdom is a resolute determination.—Napoleon.

The [illegible] greatest in years and af[illegible] afterwards. Boyce.

Things [illegible] up in this world until [illegible] turns them up. Gar[illegible]

[illegible] that there is [illegible] for courtesy.—E[illegible]

W[illegible] we are considering when we are [illegible] it is often too late to act.—[illegible]

[illegible] and exalted sense are not half so [illegible] as common sense.—Horace Greeley.

God never gives but one moment at a time, and does not give a second until he withdraws the first.—Fenelon

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"I awsk," he proceeded, after giving the [illegible] almanacs, "why that thing in [illegible] of us was called a T cart, and [illegible] it was because it was [illegible] of me. Raw, Jove, though [illegible] make it so dell the way [illegible] she got it [illegible] you [illegible]

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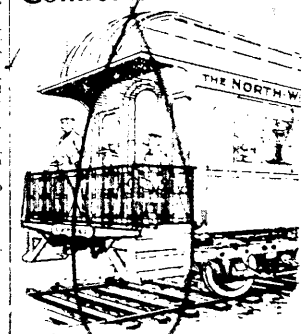

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CANADIAN MINERALS.

Canada is advancing in a wonderful way as a mineral country. In the year 1886 the total output was valued at $10,221,255. Steadily year after year the output has increased. Even during the period of world-wide depression there was a big increase every year. Last year the output was valued at $47,275,512, so that in thirteen years the value of the Canadian mineral production has increased nearly five fold. Of last year's output $16,000,000 must be credited to the gold of the Yukon district. Leaving the Yukon gold out of consideration altogether the output was three times as great last year as it was thirteen years before. If the same rate of increase is maintained during the next thirteen years, Canada will rank as one of the greatest mineral producing countries of the world.

There is much reason to expect that the development of Canada's mineral resources during the first ten years of the twentieth century will surpass that of any previous decade. The capitalists of both Great Britain and the United States are now beginning to realize that Canada has immense stores of natural wealth underground, and there will not be much difficulty in securing money for development work in the future. Gold now holds first among Canadian minerals, the total production being $21,049,730. Coal ranks next to gold, the output being valued at $9,040,058. In 1889 the value of coal produced in Canada was only $5,581,182, so that the coal output has nearly doubled in value within ten years. The average value of a ton of coal in 1899 was a fraction over $1.97. In 1889 the average value was a fraction over $2.01. Of course this does not represent the price that the consumer pays for his coal, but the price at the mine. The expenses of transportation and the middlemen's profits have to be added to the price before the coal reaches the consumer. The coal output is a better indication of the real progress of the country than

But there is one thing we can say and that is, we know of no more pleasant place to which an excursion can be made than this part of the country is in summer. There is the magnificent scenery, the pleasure of boating, the mines to be seen and many other attractions too numerous to mention. The Minnesota editors are a desirable class to get in and they would no doubt be the means of causing those of other states to come here so that the result of their coming will be of great benefit to this section as well as one of pleasure and enlightenment to the excursionists. The Keenora people will do the best they can and it remains for our townspeople to do as well.

The Chances of Placer Mining.

We are at the present time reading in the daily press almost daily accounts of the marvellous richness of the placer deposits of Cape Nome, and graphic descriptions of the stampedes from Dawson city and the other mining towns of the Klondike region. Although placer mining has long been acknowledged to be the most hazardous form of mining, few of those who are at present so eager to try their luck in the new "Eldorado," can be aware of the enormous amount of capital which is always expended in these stampedes into a new country.

Quartz mining possesses an unenviable reputation among outsiders; as offering considerable facilities for the absorption of superfluous cash, and yet if we look closely into the statistics of placer mining we can find some surprising results in the same direction.

The accepted axiom among old placer miners is that two dollars are expended on an average for every dollar's worth of gold taken from the earth. This at first sight seems somewhat of an absurdity, and yet if we make an estimation on the figures as published officially we find that the old timers' axiom is considerably under the mark.

Let us take the case of the Klondike rush of 1897 and 1898, as being the country, whose situation, working and living conditions are most similar to Cape Nome at the present time.

In those two years 200,000 immigrants, many thousands of whom came from Europe, went into the Klondike district. Assuming that it cost them $200 each to go in, the total cost of the party must have been $40,000,000.

Next take the cost of living in a country like the Klondike, a very moderate assumption would be that it cost $1,000 per man per year, and also seeing the difficulties and time taken in travelling during those early periods of the Klondike boom, we may take it for granted that a man expended a year of his life, giving the total cost of living as being $200,000,000; add to this the amount expended in travel and we get a total of $240,000,000 expended by the miners.

Against this take the amount of gold extracted, namely $20,000,000, we find a deficit of $220,000,000; that is, $12 were expended in extracting gold to the value of $1 from the earth. Every man who went in with the rush of 1897-98 took at least 12 to 1 chances against a bare subsistence.

THE NEWS FROM KEEWATIN.

The Literary Society held a mock parliament Tuesday evening, at which great interest was manifested. A bill of want of confidence in regard to preferential trade was brought in by the Conservative party and thoroughly handled in every point of view. At the close the vote resulted in favor of the Conservative party by 7 to 6. The government will now certainly be overthrown.

The band stand has been completed and is a credit to the town and also to the untiring zeal of Messrs. Brownley and Gilchrist, who furthered the scheme. Sweet strains of music will now be wafted in the evening by the moonlight from this commodious and beautiful edifice.

The hull of the new ferry being built by Captain Lewis has been completed. Boat builders all claim she is a perfect model. The work is under the supervision of Chas. Smith from H. W. Hepburn's shipyard at Picton, and designed by Davis & Sons, Kingston. These men have had a lifelong experience in boat building, and judging from the work now in hand, the boat will be not only a credit to the makers but also to the owners.

John Gallagher, who has been an employee of the Keewatin Lumber Company for a number of years, was brought down from Winnipeg in charge of a policeman on Tuesday in a demented condition. Some time ago he went west to buy a farm and took considerable money with him. It is not known what has caused him to be in this state, as he was always of a quiet and sober disposition.

One of Fraser's employees saddled a pony in the stable Tuesday afternoon and went for a short jaunt. Result: Horse reared, and falling back against a rock, killed himself. The rider miraculously escaped.

The boiler which was taken out of the Swallow, has been placed in the Maple Leaf. The boiler of the Maple Leaf will be placed in the new ferry. Capt. Lewis expects to have everything in running order by the end of the week.

The Lotta S made a trip out to the Manitou Stretch Tuesday. It will be impossible to get through the ice before Friday or Saturday.

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Beautify the Town.

Rat Portage, April 25, 1900.

To the Editor of the Miner.

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SAYING AND THINKING.

The Difference Between Their Real and Assumed Sentiments.

A gentleman steps upon a lady's gown, and this is what they said:

He—I beg your pardon, madam. It was very awkward in me.

She—Oh, it is of no consequence. The blame lies with my gown, or, rather, with me for wearing it so long.

And this is what they thought:

He—It serves you right. You've no business wearing such a thing on the street. I hope I've ripped it out at the gathers.

She—You great lummux! Can't you walk without walking all over a body?

The close of Mrs. Brown's call on Mrs. Smith—this is what they said:

Mrs. Brown—I've had a delightful call. It is always such a pleasure to be in your house. Everything seems so charming and homelike. You may be sure that I shall call again very soon and often. Goodby, dear. I shall expect you at our house just as soon as you can get there.

Mrs. Smith—It's real mean of you not to stay longer. You are always in such a hurry! But, then, it's no wonder you long to get home again—such a delightful place, you know. Now don't be such a stranger, but call as often as you can. Oh, yes, it won't be long before you see me. Goodby, dear.

This is what they thought:

Mrs. Brown—There, thank fortune, that call's over. And she calls herself a housekeeper! Mercy! That house is no better than a kennel. And what airs she puts on over that ugly furniture! I'll bet anything they have it on the installment plan. They won't see me there again in a hurry. If she calls at our house—and it will be just like her to come spying around—I'll take care not to be in.

Mrs. Smith—How I do detest that two faced thing! I thought she'd never go. I suppose it was a treat to her to sit in a decent room for awhile. I hope I shan't see her again for a year at least. The idea of my returning her call! Just catch me at it!

Bob and Dick parting. What they said:

Bob—I am awfully glad I met you, old man. I say, how well you are looking! Don't look a day older than you did ten years ago.

Dick—You'd better talk! By hokey, but you grow younger every day!

What they thought:

Bob—Poor Dick is evidently on his last legs. He'll be pegging out soon. But you'd never make him believe it. I never knew a fellow so stuck on himself.

Dick—How Bob fails! And yet he thinks himself a spring chicken! Such delusion is actually pathetic. I could almost see him grow old as he stood before me. Strange that a man can't see when he's going down hill at such a tremendous rate!—Boston Transcript.

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Forbes worsted Trousers

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The iron ore mined last year was only valued at $218,372, but there is likely to be an immense increase in the output of the iron mines in the near future, owing to the establishment of great iron and steel works in various sections of Canada. However the works of the Dominion Iron and Steel company at Sydney, C. B., will draw a great part of their iron ore supply from Newfoundland, and this will not be counted in the mineral production of Canada until Newfoundland becomes a Canadian province. The iron and steel works of Canada will also require large quantities of coal, and this demand will increase the output of our coal mines although it is probable that the works in Ontario will use American coal.—Montreal Star.

Editorial Excursion.

We are informed by Mr. [illegible], manager of the P.R. Navigation Co., that the Minnesota State Editorial association desires to make a trip through this section coming via Winnipeg and going through to Mine Centre and out by way of Port Arthur, Minn. to Duluth. There will be [illegible] in the party from various points in Minnesota a great many of them will bring their wives with them. They will have with them a good [illegible] of good singers and some musicians for entertainment along the routes. They will also have an official photographer who will take views from which [illegible] will be made to use in making up an illustrated write-up of the trip which will make the excursion a splendid advertising project for this district. The Minnesota editors are an intelligent lot of people and they are in a position to see of country which it would be well to interest in this great good country. There is one feature in connection with the route proposed by the association that is hardly feasible for such a large crowd and that is the trip from Mine Centre to Duluth, by way of Tower. It would be better to come back to Rat Portage and go around by way of Port Arthur to Duluth and then up to Tower on the Iron Range. By this would be a better route and would give a trip on Lake Superior. Our townspeople should take an interest in this matter and do all in their power to secure the excursion and have the rates, etc., so arranged as to make it desirable on the part of the editorial association to come here.

With the Mining Public

J. H. Clewlow of M[illegible] of Toronto is in town. He came up to examine some mining properties in this section.

T. E. Bilbo, of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago and Milwaukee the past month, accompanied by N. C. Hughes, returned to town Wednesday. While away these gentlemen succeeded in interesting a number of capitalists in the Lake of the Woods gold fields, who are sending an expert to examine a number of properties.

Mrs. E. A. Sharpe left Tuesday evening on a trip to Hamburg, Germany, wherein her early youth was spent. She will sail from New York about middle of May, after spending some time with friends in Toronto, Boston and other places. She will be away for eight or nine months.

H. Armstrong, of the Dominion Fish Co., was in town this week.

Gen. Sir Henry V. Wilkinson, left this week on a business trip to Montreal.

James Bridges left on Monday last for Indian Head, Man., where he will engage in farming.

Dave McKenzie of Gold Rock is in town this week. He says things will hum this season in the Manitou section.

Prewer's Body Found.

The body of Lizzie Prewer, who was drowned at Sim bay last fall, was found and the remains were prepared for interment by Rideout & Turner. The deceased was a brother of Rev. G. Prewer of Longueau, Ont., and had other brothers in Colorado.

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PROPERTY OWNER.

Baseball.

The lets dull boys are at it hard every night on the Rideout estate grounds. The play is improving in the short time put in to practice so that the team promises to get into pretty good shape. The Beaver club now has all the necessaries for good baseball and will shortly begin trying to make dates with outside clubs. All wishing to join the club may do so by seeing the captain, H. Harvey or the secretary Frank Bowman. The membership fee is $1.00.

Distinction.

Tommy—Paw, this paper says a professional punster is one who makes a business of "playing on words." What does that mean?

Mr. Tucker—It means what it says, my son, but it is incorrect. A professional punster is one who works on words.—Chicago Tribune.

Gave Him a Poser.

"You are my block," he said earnestly; "the only girl I ever loved, the only girl I ever could love. No other could possibly fill the void in my heart."

"And if you never had met me, George," she asked anxiously, "would you never have cared for any girl at all?"—Chicago P[illegible]

Born.

WATSON—On Sunday, April 22, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Watson, a daughter.

DIED.

SAVAGE—At Wabigoon, Ont., on Wednesday, April 25, John Savage, aged 37 years, the result of an accident on the C.P.R.

The funeral will leave his late residence, First St., Rat Portage, at 11.00 o'clock, Sunday, April 29th, thence to Notre Dame church and Union Park cemetery. Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will march in a body from their hall.

GRAHAM—On Wednesday, April 25, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. Graham, aged six weeks.

McCONNELL—At Rat Portage, Monday, April 23, 1900, Robert McConnell, aged 34 years and 2 months.

Messrs. C. D. Pruden and N. C. Westerfield, arrived last night from St. Paul. This is Mr. Pruden's first visit to Rat Portage and he is much pleased with the looks of the town. He says he likes a lively town.

The steamer Shamrock owned by Capt. Chas. Frazer will soon be ready to take her run on the Whitefish camp bay route. In the meantime her place is being taken by the Lotta S. See the advertisement of the Shamrock in another column.

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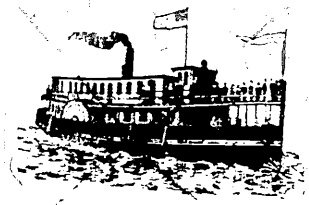
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THE TOWN COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the town council was held on Monday night last. All the members were present with Mayor McCarthy in the chair.

Communications were received from Conway and Devoine, Mayor McDougall of Toronto, Manager White, C. P. R., Rollers, Brown, H. J. Webber, M. Sauguillet, C. Datum, N. Faladeau, Murphy Bros., G. A. Graham, Monarch Bell, Navigation Co., Vulcan Iron Works Co., A. S. Horswill, D. H. Currie, Goodner, C.T. & E. Co., A. Woods, chief of police.

A petition from the residents of Tunnel Island was received asking for the construction of a wharf at the foot of the avenue.

Moved by Councilors Cameron and Hudson, That the chairman of the board of works be instructed to investigate the matter of the petition of Tunnel island as per petition of G. [illegible] and others, and if deemed advisable by the board of works, proceed with the construction of the dock as soon as possible, not to exceed $50.

Moved by Councilors Hudson and Bice, That the communication of J. Woods be referred to the finance committee with power to act.

This created considerable discussion and the following amendment was moved and carried the original motion being withdrawn by the mover:

Moved by Councilors Hudson and Cameron, That the communication of the chief of police be referred to the police committee, to report thereon.

Mr. Horswill's communication relating to his town contract was referred to the board of works.

Moved by Councilors Cameron and Hudson, That the report of the finance committee was adopted.

The report of the board of works was received and adopted on motion of Couns. Hudson and McQuarrie.

On motion of Couns. Hudson and Cameron, the report of the clerk in connection with sewer on Chipman street was received and adopted and the board of works committee was authorized to proceed at once with the construction of said sewer either by day labor or contract as they consider most advisable.

Town Solicitor McLennan was instructed to take charge of the Brereton case and use all reasonable means to prevent any further litigation in matter.

McQuarrie—Hudson—That the town engineer be authorized to proceed with the construction of the sewer petitioned for R. E. Dowsett and others either by contract or as he deems best.

Mayor McCarthy gave notice that he would introduce a by-law for the regulating of secondhand stores and pawnshops.

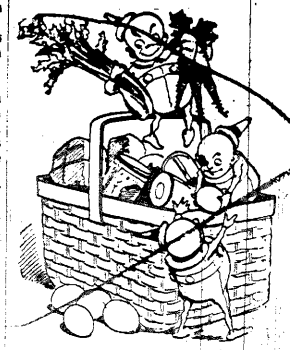
Can You Canoe?

Rat Portage is again donning her summer garb and her citizens are making preparations to spend a large percentage of the pleasant hours afforded to mortal man in Dame Nature's in this land of great lakes, the paradise of the tourist. The dress is becoming more and more suitable to the enjoyment of the season. Every day the percentage of flannel shirt waists seen on our streets becomes larger, while here and there a dazzler blazes forth intermittently as if trying to gain courage to assume long-in view.

To the lover of the water there is nothing better than a moonlight dance, a nice day on a nice night, moonlight or otherwise to suit individual tastes, and a nice person of the opposite persuasion to take perhaps a boat ride and as a target for conversation. To paddle round among the many islands, rocks and bays of our lake is the height of enjoyment. Nature in all its forms, both those of the giant rocks and trees, and that of the weaker variety is the height of joy, the more intricate, provided he is not a bigot in the matter of regard for the other person. But he could remain for ever in such surroundings were it only necessary to provide nourishment for the inner man at stated intervals.

In a way, canoeing will [illegible] in minities, reminds one in a slight degree of the journey through life. You start amid sunshine and the lake is smooth. Perhaps the wind freshens and you ship a lot of water. It may be you are even capsized and are obliged to ride on the bottom of your canoe till you reach shore to be ready for a fresh start. Maybe you get through without encountering a little a hidden rock. The boat is there in and you have to stop for repairs. You may pass through a thunder shower and become frightened, but the journey home is indeed a pleasure.

Talk about poetry in motion! The canoe is certainly it. The canoe is incomparably superior to a row boat, the distinction between them being something like that between a bicycle and a lumberwagon. The canoe glides along with a steady motion which makes one think of flying. The motion of the canoe is steady and the rhythmic stroke of the paddle with the noise of little whirlpools as the water dripping from the end of it as it is



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that the consumption of cigarettes has already decreased two per cent. The boats are being put into shape as rapidly as possible by Commodore Sterling, and the boys promise to get into form this year almost as soon as the time they began to practice last year. The annual meeting will be held tonight, and it promises to be a large and enthusiastic one.

Their Mission Successful.

It is stated in Montreal that D. Mann, of McKenzie & Mann, will soon return from London, where both he and Mr. McKenzie have been of late floating the bonds of the Ontario & Rainy River railway. It is also stated that their financial mission has been completely successful, and that work on all parts of the system will be carried on this summer with the greatest vigor.

"Engaged."

The forthcoming production of the play "Engaged" will be of great interest as it will bring out local talent and as the proceeds are to be devoted to the Red Cross fund the attendance will be large on that account. The ladies are Mesdames Gunne and Godwin and Misses Livingstone and Fisher. The gentlemen are Messrs. Weir, Carpenter, Dean, Palmer and Van-Koughnet. The array of names is a sufficient guarantee that the play will be well worth hearing and seeing. The rehearsals are now down to a fine point and everything is ready for the [illegible] production, May 4.

As a [illegible] for a new application [illegible] in my head was [illegible] by using LUBY'S Parisian Hair Renewer. I now use it [illegible] my hair. Try it [illegible] yourself. [illegible] Little.

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THE TROTTING CIRCUIT.

Joe Patchen is simply unbeatable on a half mile track.

Page, 2:06¾, is stepping fast on the New York Speedway.

Woodburn farm retires from the breeding business this fall.

Heir at Law's (2:05¾) broken leg is doing nicely, and he will recover.

Much Ado, 2:13¼, relishes split heats and has never yet won a race "off the reel."

Bash, 2:09½, may be seen at the races later. She recently worked a half mile in 2:13½.

J. D. Callery, the Pittsburg road rider, has bought the fast stallion Russellwood, 2:14¼, by Atwood.

Lord Vincent, 2:08¾, now priced at $20,000, cost George Tod of Youngstown, O., just $1,600 last winter.

Eula Mac, 2:27½, the first 2:30 2-year-old trotter of 1899, is by McKinney, 2:11¾, out of Balance All, 2:29¾, by Brigadier, 2:21¼.

The 4-year-old trotting filly Necretta, who won in 2:12¼ at Santa Rosa, Cal., is the first foal of her sire, Neernut, 2:11¼, by Albert W.

Joseph H. Ake and Daniel Wise of Sykesville, Pa., have purchased the promising green pacing mare Alice Ake from John H. Patchen of Patchsville, Pa.

Governor Pacheco, the brother of Palo Alto, 2:08¼, bought by J. J. McDonald of Cuthbert, Ga., at Hon. W. J. White's recent sale, is to be sold in Kentucky next year.

The Maid, 2:05¾, was timed a half in one mile and [illegible] in 1:31 in the $5,000 Nepaset purse at Readville, but was [illegible] the best time was [illegible] broke destroyed any chance that she might have had.

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... created considerable ... and the following amendment ... and carried, the original ... being withdrawn by the ...

Mc... —Hudson—That the communication of the chief of police be referred to the police committee, to report to council.

A... communication re ... building of his town con... referred to the board of works.

Deacon—Cameron—That the manager of the C. T. & E. Co. be instructed to install a cluster of lights at the Norman dock.

The communication of the mayor of Toronto re towns and cities memorializing Dominion government to introduce a bill for public ownership of telephones, telegraphs, etc., was referred to the fire, water and light com[mittee].

Chief Nicholson, of the fire brigade, submitted his report.

The board of works recommends the ... of the pay rolls submitted for ... $28.98 and $21.

W... that the engineer's estimate for the draining of the muskeg east of ... street is $1,857 and the committee does not feel like undertaking the work until a further appropriation ... them for carrying it through. ... estimate was made for draining ... Lamerson's creek.

The estimate of cost also provides ... sewer from the public school ... east Fort street as petitioned ... D. Campbell and others.

The finance committee submitted its report which recommended payment of the following accounts:

[illegible]	$ 5.00
[illegible] & Moran	10.00
[illegible] Company	31.20
[illegible]	7.75
[illegible] Times	10.00
[illegible] Pharmacy	1.85
[illegible]	27.00
[illegible]	13.00
[illegible]	175.00

... committee could not ... any allowance be m... Mc... rebate of taxes as ... property had been ... value by the improvements made ... the purchase of the strip ...

... committee could not recommend ... rebate be made to Mrs. L. J. ... 1898 taxes as it was not until ... year that the fire occurred ... reduction was then made on ... assessment.

... not recommend the payment of account of Mayor McCarthy for expenses to Winnipeg ... of Couns. Rice and Ed-

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Canoe Club.

A great many of our young people either possess canoes or are acquainted in a greater or less degree with the canoe habit and it has just occurred to us that it might be a good idea to organize a canoe club. The club could be organized and run something on the principle of a bicycle club and it would certainly be a great aid to the social enjoyment of our by no means small younger population. We have been approached on this subject and it would seem if some one would take the initiative in the matter and call a meeting at some convenient place, the feeling of the young people on this subject could be tested and if such a desire be manifested, the club could be organized. This canoe club could be called together on short notice and would be a fine thing for picnics. This is merely a suggestion. If anyone wishes to do any more ... opens.

Presbyterian Annual Social.

On Wednesday night the lecture hall of Knox church was crowded by the members of the congregation, who met for a social evening. After a half hour spent in visiting and becoming acquainted, a small program was presented, including selections by the choir, addresses by Messrs. Small and Rochester, solos by Mr. Leighton and Miss Moor, and a reading by Judge Chapple. After the program the people were served with a delicious lunch provided by the ladies. All present had a most pleasant time and some even went so far as to wish that the annual social might occur weekly. These socials are a great aid in promoting good fellowship among the members of the congregation, and are certainly commended outside of the enjoyment afforded.

Rowing.

The boys are beginning to get to work in earnest. Several crews of fours are now at work and the doubles are also hard at it, while several singles are out hoeing the liquid. It is the intention to get into shape early and stay that way. There is a rumor

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Change of Ownership.

Having sold my barber shop and cigar business to W. T. Newman, of Brampton, Ont., I wish to thank my many customers for their patronage and solicit a continuance of the same for my successor, who will in every way merit the same.

THOS. DAVISON.

The Biograph.

Last night the Biograph people gave an entertainment to a crowded house. A number of comical and scenic views were presented but the war pictures excited more interest, particularly the parade of the Canadian contingent in Montreal, the digging of trenches by British troops, and the crossing of the Modder river. The most pleasing features of the performance were the illustrated songs, "The Girl I Left in Sunny Tennessee" and "My Old New Hampshire Home." Tonight by special request the illustrated song "Just as the Sun went Down," will be given. There will be a matinee Saturday and the present engagement of the company will close Saturday night.

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Thos. Davison Sells Out.

Thos. Davison has disposed of his barbering and cigar business to W. T. Newman, of Brampton, Ont. Mr. Newman is a hustler and an old hand at the barber business, and will continue to serve the public as well as has been done by his predecessor. The consideration is not stated but it is said to be no inconsiderable sum. Mr. Newman will settle permanently in Rat Portage as he believes that the town has a great future before it.

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ADVANTAGES OVER THE TRANSVAAL

POSSIBLE RESULTS THAT MAY BE ACHIEVED BY THE RECENTLY ORGANIZED CHAMBER OF MINES.

A stranger after an inspection of the gold bearing district of Ontario, cannot fail to remark the comparative state of stagnation at the present time existing in mining matters, and wonder seeing the marvellous richness of the country that it should have taken so many years to bring matters even to the present state.

Year after year a boom has been predicted for the ensuing season; each season has seen the advent of the alleged capitalist; but alas the fall of each year has seen little change; and, merely a crop of rosate prophecies being gathered in as comfort for the forthcoming season.

And yet country after country as more recent discovery has been opened out and supported by European capital, and still the prospector and holder of valuable claims has waited for the long prophesied boom until he realized the old proverb that "hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

Here also reefs, many of them 100 feet wide across the outcrops, well defined, of high values and wonderfully low working costs, situated only a fortnight's journey from a country where on account of the dearth of investments millions of money are lying stagnant and yet we have dragged on this same monotonous and dispiriting existence for some years.

Before considering the reason for this paradoxical state of affairs let us take a glance at the mining conditions of the two countries which have come into most recent prominence, namely South Africa and Western Australia. In the former country a great amount of mining is deep level shafts, commonly being sunk 2,000 feet or more and this must be done before the value or worthlessness of the property can be established; this through of dollars must be spent before payable values are reached, and even then of several times their purchase. And this perfect confidence was brought about and maintained solely by a body of reliable men, who published trustworthy information at regular intervals on that region, and the almost perfect system of management inaugurated by experienced mining men went far to maintain that confidence.

Let us compare the cost of opening out a prospect on our own Ontario gold fields with one on the Witwatersrand of the Transvaal. Presuming both are conducted on sound mining principles, namely, moderate development before the erection of costly crushing machinery and confining to the surface values in order to be a great portion of the money spent on plant, we find the South African mines sinking from two to four thousand feet, whereas our sole requirement is two hundred feet of sinking and a hundred feet of lifting on a reef of moderate size and values above our possibilities, as the reverse occurs in most cases, the surface and there are very few found easily by the entire face of the shaft thus giving of useful work each day done; in the first stroke of the pick, we see that the South African mine must do at least ten times as much work before he is in the same position as the Canadian who is drilling his first hole in the rocks at the surface.

And still in spite of these disadvantages if we take average of all the Transvaal mines as quoted officially in the lists of the Engineering and Mining Journal during the month of February, 1899, we find results as follows: Average dividend paid 40 per cent. per annum; capitalization per mine four million dollars; 5.2 dollars in gold on the plates per ton of ore crushed, working with 20 stamps, and also we see the shares of those mines issued originally at an average of $10 per share are standing even now in the time of war and in face of a threat to destroy the properties at a mean value of $20 each.

These results do not include Rand mines, capitalized at $2,500,000 in $5 shares, which were being dealt in during March this year at $42 each. Again, take the position of mining in Western Australia, in the Coolgardie and Hannons districts. Here we see a gold field situated in a barren and arid country, scarcity of water, water facilities almost nil, a population of living as bad as can be imagined, and rates of labor and general expenses so high as to preclude the possibility of working any low grade proposition and yet despite these difficulties money flowed like water into that country and millions of British capital was buried there.

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est. Shortly afterwards fresh crop of startling discoveries arrived until about the middle of 1894, the world Coolgardie was used as a catchword on the streets, and the small investor became seized with longings to invest in a few shares and net a fortune. He was soon given the opportunity, as while the public were in this state of mind, the first West Australian mining company made its bow to the public. After the first they came by degrees, gilded with marvellous reports of startling values, and were eagerly snapped up mainly by the class of investors who were not financially strong enough to support the now high priced Africans, and the wily company promoter seized the opportunity to flood the market with his promotions; and so the game proceeded, prices in nearly every instance going immediately above par value; and a similar scene of excitement was being enacted to that in the Kaffir market. Gradually toward the end of 1895 unpleasant rumors began to be handed about, prices unaccountably dropped; the investor wondered why and wired to his broker who knew little and to the secretary of the company who almost invariably knew less, stories came of ores being refractory and high values thrown on the dump though actually to be treated of machinery stuck at Port Cross, no transport being available, water supply and the use of cyanide gross mismanagement, [illegible] in every [illegible] until a panic set in [illegible] discovered that there was [illegible] little bottom in the West Australian market.

To do the great capital was something appalling and few investors who took their market in 1895 came out other than heavy losers or are likely to forget [illegible] by bitter experience.

And yet strictly examined both booms we find were brought about by the press notices, with this difference that in one case a reliable and strictly business matter was published, while the other was merely gilded to catch the eye of the investor in the former case a mining undertakings, when a circulation of press notices in an appreciative quarter, would put us into communication directly with the leading men as a body.

Looking at mining as conducted in the past in our locality; struggling amidst its sea of difficulties, we cannot cease to wonder that it has ever reached its present position. For years lack of money has been the drawback; we have formed companies and registered capitals, scraped a few dollars together and commenced development; relying on our ability to sell oftimes valuable stock at rubbish prices in order to continue that work.

If the sale came about work continued, and if not the mines closed down and remained so until the situation changed.

Only the pluck and perseverance of mining men and the indomitable persistence and energy of one man in particular, have, in the face of scientific and financial opposition, succeeded in demonstrating the fact that we have such a thing as a gold field in our midst.

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Attempt to Blow up Welland Canal.

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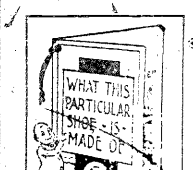

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Some indication of the water difficulty may be formed from the fact that the shares of one mine issued at $5 a share were eagerly bought at several times their value on the report that they had struck a more than sufficient supply of water for their own needs and could sell to neighboring properties with profit to themselves and not from its particular merits as a mine.

And furthermore in spite of these drawbacks we find the shares of the Witwatersrand mining companies paying constant and high dividends on huge capitals with ore yielding [illegible] free milling value per ton. Such a state of public confidence existing in that region that as recently as last May and during the period of political disquiet even to the verge of war, we find the shares of Rand [illegible] at $5 per share reaching [illegible] value, namely $232 a share [illegible] of others, Ferreira, Knights Deep [illegible] remaining firm at an increased [illegible]

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Although Western Australia possesses many mines of undoubted merit, as for instance Hannan's Brownhill, Great Boulder, Ivanhoe and some others, which stand at extraordinary high prices and pay large dividends, only a small number of those formed in 1895 stand at anything like their par value, and many years must elapse before the slump of [illegible] by the unfortunate investor.

A careful study of the phenomenon of those two great mining countries should be of practical value at this stage of mining in Canada, and should enable us to avoid some of those errors of the past which have caused gold mining and not unjustly to be stigmatized as a wild gamble by the average business man. Let us glance at the countries of West Australia and South Africa before the year 1895.

Up to the year 1892 little was known about mining in the Transvaal, and investors found it an impossibility to gain information of that country. About that period the Johannesburg Chamber of Mines was formed and commenced operations and month by month the doings of the mines were published in the leading financial papers throughout the United Kingdom. After a time the public began to notice these reports. [illegible] gradually increasing interest [illegible] they woke up to the fact that the shares were rising higher and higher in value, then suddenly they rushed [illegible] day [illegible] saw one of the most extraordinary prolonged booms of modern times. Buying orders crowded in [illegible] were made in a few days, while old members of the exchange [illegible] booming and respectability [illegible] about hatless and breathless [illegible] vain endeavor to [illegible] buying each while shares went up by leaps and bounds. What [illegible] until the reaction comes, what a frightful collapse we shall see; but for once the croakers were wrong, and even political disturbances as the Jameson raid, were powerless to cause worse than a temporary setback in values and as the political atmosphere cleared, prices slowly crept up to boom point again. Never was public confidence maintained to such a degree in any mining country. During the early part of 1894 news came to London of a discovery of gold in Western Australia; articles appeared in the newspapers about [illegible] prospectors who had come in from the bush with a fortune each in gold dust. This discovery took place at Coolgardie and awakened a good deal of public inter-

to forget their dearly bought experience.

And yet carefully examined both booms we find were brought about by the press notices with this difference that in one case reliable and strictly business matter was published, while the other was merely gilded to catch the eye, and as in the former case a continuance of those notices maintained the prices of securities, so in the latter a failure to obtain satisfactory and trustworthy information brought about uneasiness followed by a complete slump and a [illegible] weeding out of wildcat floatations.

Following this we had the Hooley cycle boom collapse and disclosures, which is of such recent occurrence as not to require description but may serve as another good object lesson of blind investment with lack of reliable reports. On studying the London stock quotations one cannot fail to remark the high price of gilt edged and even second grade securities, home and foreign railways yielding slight returns on their buying prices, Americans with probabilities discounted for some time to come, cycle shares practically done, there only remains industrials, South African and West Australian mines, the two latter being at the present time quiescent.

Still such is the supply of money and the dearth of possible investments, that industrial investments at present floated are having subscribed many times the amount of capital required and we see large amounts such as the war loan of £35,000,000 offered at trifling interest being subscribed, eleven times over in a few hours. It must be apparent to the general observer that in this huge gold-bearing area of Canada, covering an extent of 50,000 square miles, that it requires more even than the effort of the private capitalist to thoroughly develop its resources: millions of money could be profitably expended in opening out the large low-grade properties alone. [illegible] invariably the awakening of [illegible] interest, which stimulates the mining capitalist proper to take an active part in mining matters, and for the reason that we generally find him to be a man who prefers to make his profits in the selling of shares rather than by permanent investment, therefore this being the case why should he trouble himself with loading up stock until he sees signs of an awakening of that interest. Unfortunately we have no mining exchanges on our goldfields and no regular information has been transmitted outside the confines of Canada, other than a chance press notice at odd intervals, and until recently we have had no bureau of information where the outsider could gather knowledge. Is is not therefore apparent why the long expected capital has not yet arrived?

And still we continue to negotiate with the lesser mining capitalist, asking him as a favor to share in our

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FORMATION OF GOLD

The Western Mining World Disagrees With Prof. Lakes and Others.

AS TO THE CAUSE AND EFFECT.

ORIGIN AND NATURE OF MINERALS YET A MYSTERY TO THE SCIENTIST.

Western Mining World. In a recent publication Professor Arthur Lakes maintains that the process of filling and differentiating fissure veins is going on before our eyes. In his "Origin of Gold Deposits" the gentleman of Golden Gate, who notes Steamboat Springs, Nevada, and Sulphur Springs, California as instances where gold bearing fissure veins are being actually formed. It is not stated whether the multiferous deposits of gold, silver or copper, it is presumed, however, that silver is the precipitation in the waters of the springs. It is supposed to flow from the rich quartz around Virginia City, and it is known that the deep workings expel the waters and concentrate the same much near the springs.

In this way, the professor closes his contention by reproducing Pliny's remarks about Steamboat Springs. He says that at those springs the other issue from many fissures in the open space, which [illegible] the bottom of a valley with [illegible] sides. The [illegible] in period [illegible] and deposited [illegible] The [illegible] consists of deposits [illegible] of three quarters [illegible] thinking of this [illegible] above of modern [illegible] The management [illegible] upper vein dip [illegible] degrees, from [illegible] for a good distance [illegible] would certainly be [illegible] straight down from the [illegible] half were sunk a [illegible] feet. This was done [illegible] years of sinking and [illegible] nothing but earth the [illegible] sunk. The miners working [illegible] in the perpendicular shaft, and [illegible] working from the other direction met together, one deviated [illegible] struck within an inch [illegible] feet underground estimate. Now [illegible] can go down the shaft [illegible] Cariboo hotel, run down [illegible] a mile [illegible] perpendicular shaft, [illegible] a drift, and come up on the [illegible] two [illegible] in building the underground city. They take their meals with them, and eat in the main street or in a nook in one of the by-streets. Only on Sundays is the city almost deserted, but even then the police are on guard, and the pump men are on duty.

The Calumet and Hecla mine furnishes the best example of an underground city on account of its being the most extensive of all the mines in the vicinity and because it is somewhat different from the others. Most of the shafts dug into the ground from the city are run straight down, some of them having now attained nearly a mile in perpendicular distance, but the Calumet and Hecla is different. Only one of its 25 shafts runs straight into the ground. The others incline into the ground at an angle of 43 degrees, and run down at that angle for a mile and a half in many of the shafts. This is on account of the nature of the vein of copper. The veins are tapped from the surface at 10 different places, which run in a straight direction [illegible] and which line the side from which the streets of the city of Calumet on the surface are [illegible] underground are run.

In this way the whole [illegible] a [illegible] tunnelled city, in the [illegible] years [illegible] mine has been op[illegible] ground is a veritable [illegible] tunnels. A[illegible] fully fitted with a railway [illegible] main line of which is [illegible] the branches and sp[illegible] the levels on either [illegible] shafts. It is completely [illegible] water pipes, a pumping station being at each level. In many parts of the mine electric lights are also [illegible] some of the older miners are afraid of electricity underground, and [illegible] where wires are run [illegible] drilling rock may some [illegible] wires or pull off the insulation [illegible] not go back on the old [illegible] perpendicular [illegible]

[illegible] sunk in stock. [illegible] Pittsburg

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Our store is much [illegible] had prepared [illegible] ing to the [illegible] quick [illegible]

Roberts and Kitchener.

[illegible] for this story [illegible] On the occasion when Lord Roberts was to Gibraltar, where he was to meet Lord Roberts. Lord Kitchener, [illegible] who introduced himself to the commander that he had [illegible] indicated by Col. Kitchener with a [illegible] the [illegible] commander [illegible]

sort of transaction for which there has been a somewhat abnormal demand.

A tax or a bonus, when imposed on the ore, whether the working produces any profit or not, is liable to a serious economic objection. Where there is no profit there ought to be no tax; otherwise the tax must be at the expense of the capital invested. It would be worth while to try to get some other form of tax, which should be content to fasten on profits and leave capital untouched. Is this possible? Perhaps not, but it is at least worth while to make a serious attempt.

Unlike much of this kind of legislation, the new mining bill is not promoted by Canadian miners, nor do they regard it as being in their interest, as their opposition shows. In a general way, the bill has the public interest in view; but whether the method proposed is calculated to secure that end is the doubt. A deputation from Sudbury gave some reasons intended to show that the proposed taxation will have a ruinous effect in the present state of mining development. It will discourage mining for the sake of exporting the ore, and may to some extent hamper those who intend to undertake a complete treatment of the ore. The objection that it discriminates against those who mine on and in favor of those who let their mineral lands lie idle, is not well founded; the real discrimination and the only discrimination is in favor of those who carry the treatment of the ore to its final stage. The main objection of the deputation appears to have been to the requirement that nickel ore should be refined in Canada. Is there no owner of nickel mines, in Canada, who has not lived up to his obligations in this particular?

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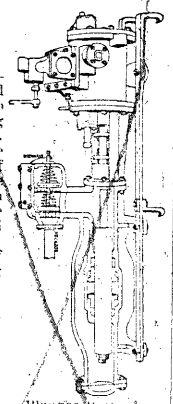

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[illegible] STOCK [illegible]

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TERM [illegible]

PURCHASE [illegible]

JUDICIAL SALE of Mining Property [illegible] the Dominion Railway [illegible]

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We challenge any [illegible] reason when we ask you to consider the possibilities of this great property and to compare it with other well known mines working under similar character.

Five thousand shares of Alaska-Treadwell from one average [illegible] yielding half the value of ours, earn $[illegible] per month, while the Great Homestake of South Dakota would pay on that number [illegible] above [illegible] we are [illegible] FIVE THOUSAND SHARES OF THE GREAT HOMESTAKE [illegible] at $[illegible] per share [illegible]

[illegible] the largest [illegible] in existence [illegible]

[illegible] shares [illegible] per share [illegible]

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[illegible]

...y lined with the quartz become true fissure veins. ...the larger fissures are a half ... a foot wide, open and ... at 25 feet apart and de... downward to the bottom of ... crust 30 feet and can be followed ... farther because they have ... quartz in such abundance as ... the original vents in the ... country rock. Water does ... from all the fissures, but can ... height, or ten feet below, in ... agitation from steam and carbonic acid gas. The quartz filling ... fissures in the hottest parts is ... in others spongy, and in ... hard, or in layers of agate, chalcedony or sugar quartz. Everywhere there is the same distinct, banded or ribbon structure we often observe in fissure veins, resulting from successive layers of quartz being laid ... the sides of the fissure by water ... The quartz in these fissures contains sulphide of iron, copper, mercury and even free gold. The metallic ... as in old fissure veins, are in ... proportion than the quartz ... The country rock below ... crust is a volcanic rhyolite, like that of Cripple Creek ... pierced at one point by a ... basalt. The hot ... steam vents are probably ... manifestations of volcanic ... that erupted in ... the basalt was erupted."

... that Le Conte and ... have taken efforts ... that the waters of the ... bubble and sink away ... held in solution ... [illegible] ... wealth in the ... the rocks which ... springs. The pregnant ... the effect of a cause far ... narrow valley with ... Steam ... as they are formed, ... deposit of the very chemi... the hot waters of deep ... with their wealth ... the red metal ... the waters ... Mining W...

Underground City.

[illegible]

... work their ... down in the mine at early ... half a mile or so from the ... twelve hours. During the ... men, an equal number, ... places and all the time ... of men are constantly

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A MINING BILL.

Monetary Times: The Government of Ontario has introduced a Mining bill, which, among other things, substitutes a mining tax for the royalty, where the latter is now payable, and to ... the tax to other mines ... not now pay a ... ores are to pay ... from 50 cents per ton ... of the ... treated or reduced ... metal con... or reduced ... per ton or $2 ... per ton of ... nickel, if ... all ores the Government proposes to take legislative power to ... order-in-council, up to five per ... on the selling price thereof ... a ... Power is also sought to ... ores which have been ... to be ready for ... the object being to ... treatment in the ... will test whether nickel ... treated here, contrary to ... of some engaged in the ... Many of these taxes, ... appear to be high. After ... in Ontario, with a royalty ... when Mr. Stephen ... was Commissioner of Crown ... it was well to be ... taxing a new industry like this, which has not yet established itself. Instead of taxing other new ... industries, we nurse them, and put on high customs duties for their benefit. Why, it has been asked, is mining to be made an exception? It cannot be that it has yielded exceptionally large profits, for it has not, and much of it no profit at all. To put a tax on iron ore, with one hand, and with the other to hand a bonus to the finished product, it is obvious to remark is to tax the raw material of iron for the benefit of the iron. This is, no doubt, aimed against the exportation of the ore; a

Roberts and Kitchener.

The Sphere vouches for this story as true: "On the steamer which conveyed him to Gibraltar, where he was to meet Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener was accosted by an officer who introduced himself with the remainder that he had once been intrusted by Col. Kitchener with a message to the then commander-in-chief in India. Lord Kitchener recognized his old acquaintance immediately, but could not recall the message referred to. 'It was 15 years ago or more,' said his friend, 'but I remember it. You asked me if I had the chance to speak to Lord Roberts on your behalf and beg him to find you a job in the east, near him if possible. You told me to say you would black his boots or do any earthly thing for him then.' 'I've no doubt I said that,' replied Lord Kitchener, 'for I would black his boots or do any mortal thing for him now.'"

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PURSUANT to an order of the High Court of Justice in an action of McKenzie vs. American-Canadian Gold Mining Company and George Henry Hillyer and McCormick vs. The American-Canadian Gold Mining Company et al, there will be offered for sale with the approbation of Thomas W. Chapple, Esquire, Local Master, at Rat Portage by Mr. Howard Barnes, Auctioneer, at the Russell House, in the Town of Rat Portage, at 12 o'clock noon, on Saturday, the 2nd day of June, 1900, all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Seine River Mining District, registered as parcel 1662 in the Land Titles Office at Rat Portage otherwise known as the "Alice A" Mine. The property has been developed to a considerable extent. Reports in regard to the development of this location may be found in the Reports of the Bureau of Mines 1898 at page 129, and in the report of the Bureau of Mines 1899 at pages 16 and 81.

The property will be offered for sale subject to a reserved bid.

The purchaser shall pay 10 per cent. of his purchase money at the time of sale to the vendors or their solicitors, and the balance in 30 days thereafter into Court to the credit of this action without interest.

The vendors will not be required to furnish any certificate of title or abstract or other documents not in their possession. In all other respects the terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of the Court.

Further particulars may be had from J. Edward Bird, Solicitor, Rat Portage; H. J. F. Sissons, Solicitor, Fort Frances; Allan McLennan, Solicitor, Rat Portage; Langford & Moran, Solicitors, Rat Portage, or from

T. W. CHAPPLE,
Local Master, H. C. J.
365t Rat Portage.

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PURSUANT to an order of the High Court of Justice made in a certain action of Dayton vs. the Lucky Coon Gold Mining Company, there will be offered for sale with the approbation of T. W. Chapple, Esquire, Local Master, at Rat Portage, by Mr. Howard Barnes, Auctioneer, at the Russell House, in the town of Rat Portage, at noon on Saturday, the 2nd day of June, 1900, All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the District of Rainy River and known as mining locations 655P, Parcel No. —, according to the Register in the Office of Land Titles at Rat Portage. This property is described in various Government Reports, namely, volume 5, 1895, pages 156 and 157 and 6th report 1896, page 81.

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All and singular that certain parcel ... of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River and Province of Ontario, and being Lot No. ..., in Block 3, as shown on plan of said Town of Rat Portage, certified by J. W. Harris, P.L.S., and registered in the Registry Office at Rat Portage.

Upon the said premises is erected two frame dwelling houses, each about 18 feet by 22 feet, with additions 10x18 feet, said to be in good repair. The lot is 50 feet by 150 feet, and is suitably situated near the C.P.R. station.

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The Blue Ribbon Breakfast Food at 15c at Horswill's has no equal.

There is something in Johnson's New Idea tin shop which will interest you. Go and see it. Phone E2.

Something nice for 5 o'clock tea. Fine Salt Waferette, Ginger Wafers, Water Ices assorted flavors in lb packages a real treat. Horswill has them.

Cross & Baxter, painters and decorators, have opened a shop on Fort Street, opposite I.O.O.F. Hall. Give us a call.

W. Curtis, piano tuner, Winnipeg, will be at Rat Portage first week in May. Work guaranteed. 1t

Black brocaded lustrine 25 cents up. Ladies' Blouses $2 cents to $2.00. Overskirts $1.00 to $3.75. Boys' Sailor Suits $1.00 up at The Fair.

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Hall is my tailor.

Two plug Spite or Snowshoe tobacco for 15 cents. Ludella Tea 25 cents lb. Garden Rakes or Hoes 45 cents at The Fair.

The Norcrest mill of the Rat Portage Lumber Co. will start cutting logs in the morning.

Wm. Seymour, of the News staff, left for his parents' home in the east this week.

Hall is my tailor.

There are numerous complaints being made of late about obnoxious odors arising from dirty backyards and it is claimed that in many instances accumulations of garbage still remain and it devolves upon those in authority to see to the removal of such a menace to the public health.

Messrs. Neville and Dobell are in from the Keewatin.

Here and there "Just as the Sun Went Down" at the opera house tonight.

Major the Hon. J. E. P. Vereker arrived from England this morning.

Chas. Gaudaur, a brother of the champion oarsman, arrived in town Sunday, and has accepted a position with the Rainy River Navigation Co.

Messrs. C. Brent and A. M. Rose returned Thursday from St. Thomas, where they had been attending the funeral of the late Wm. Mailing.

The evening service in the Methodist church last Sunday was conducted by Rev. G. M. Benney, of Keewatin.

Hall is my tailor.

Divine service at Lily hall, cor. Fort and Matheson streets next Lord's day. 11 a.m., subject: "A Divine Classification of Human Duties." 7 p.m.: "In the Day of God's Wrath Who Shall Stand." Hymns 6:17.

The Keenora has been handsomely repainted throughout. The interior decorations were made by J. N. Ormus, and he certainly made a neat job. The interior of the cabin is finished in white oak grain. Mr. Ormus deserves great credit for the fine quality of his work.

R. Kennedy has sold out his transfer business but still continues the office on Main street.

The last council was so short to make a good deal, but the council wants the earth, so we are told by reliable authority. They use to improve the streets however.

Messrs. Wright and S. Butterell will leave Monday morning for Seattle. They will take the steamer from there to Cape Nome on May 15. In Mr. Wright's party will be his two brothers and four men who will be employed at work on the claims secured by Messrs. Wright Bros. Mr. Wright will be absent about six months. Both these Rat Portagers are followed with the best wishes for their success by a host of friends.

Hall is my tailor.

After May 1 the postoffices of the Dominion will close at 7 p.m.

The offices of the Rainy River Navigation Co. have been removed from Main street to the building at Gardner's dock, foot of Second street, where the steamers of this company will this season depart from. The offices of the company are on the second flat of the building, entrance being made by an elevated sidewalk from the band stand. The date for the sailing of the Keenora has not yet been definitely announced, but it is expected that in a few days everything will be in readiness.

The Northern Ice Company has bought out the ice business of John Johnson and will at once place two delivery wagons on the road. Ice will be delivered regularly in the outlying sections of the city. John Insley, the manager of the Northern Ice Co., will be pleased to make contracts at once for the summer's delivery. The ice this year is of excellent quality.

The steamer Lottie S., run by Capt. C. Fraser, leaves in the morning with a load of freight and passengers for Wabigoon and Camp bay. It is expected that the boat will be able to get through without any difficulty.

Campbell Bros. have issued a time card for the ferry Phantom.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kendall returned recently from their trip to the coast. They have been absent over two months, and return looking the picture of health. Mrs. Kendall feeling very much improved with the trip. They took the trip by easy stages, lingering longest where fancy suited best. They had delightful weather and saw everything at its best, yet the genial captain says, take it all in all, they came across few towns that equal Rat Portage in situation or attractiveness or from a business point of view.

Yesterday afternoon the steamer Balmoral made the first trip of the season to the Sultana mine without much difficulty. She will start Saturday morning for the Mikado and it is expected will make the trip without difficulty.

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Lacrosse Sticks, etc.

G. W. Smith

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BAZAAR

You are Talked About

T. Hardisty, of Winnipeg, is in town.

R. Hawthorne left Wednesday for Winnipeg after spending a two weeks' visit among friends.

Mrs. E. Symmes left yesterday morning for Winnipeg to join her husband.

Capt. Thompson of the Keenora made a trip to Fort William this week.

Mr. Cameron Husband of Husband Bros. & Co., Toronto is in town today on business connected with his firm.

Mr. Brydon has recovered from his attack of rheumatism.

Weekly Hospital Report.

R. Thompson, secretary of the Royal Jubilee hospital, makes the following report for the week ending April 21, 1900:

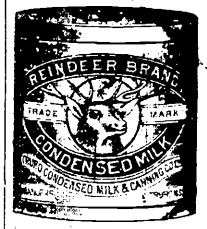
Under treatment April 14	7
Admitted during week	3
Discharged during week	3
Deaths during week	0

Items of Local Interest

A Brand of Milk

THAT HAS STOOD THE TEST OF

YEARS



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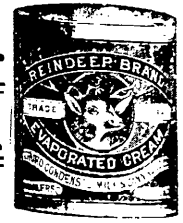

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Items of Local Interest

The Queen's hotel has been nicely refitted inside with wall paper and new carpets, and presents a good appearance.

Geo. Holmes, who got his right hand so badly hurt while working on the C.P.R. improvements last fall, has returned from a month's visit to Winnipeg.

Gents' Linen hats 35 cents up. Boys' Shoes 11 to 13, 90 cents, 1 to 5 $1 pair. Ladies' Oxfords $1.00 up at The Fair.

The chancel committee of the Young People's Guild, of St. Alban's church, desire to thank most cordially the kind friends who loaned them so many beautiful plants for church decoration at Easter.

Hill is my tailor.

The members of the Labor Union, No. 2, at the last regular meeting took up a collection for the patriotic fund, realizing $13.

Mr. W. Curtis, the piano tuner, of Winnipeg, is expected within a few days. He will attend to all tuning in

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morning for Seattle. They will take the steamer from there to Cape Nome on May 15. In Mr. Wright's party will be his two brothers and four men who will be employed to work on the claims se-

recently from their trip to the coast. They have been absent over two months, and return looking the picture of health. Mrs. Kendall feeling very much improved with the trip. They took the trip by easy stages.

report for the week ending April 21, 1900:

Under treatment April 14	7
Admitted during week	3
Discharged during week	3
Deaths during week	0

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Special for This Month

[illegible] 51 pieces new Linoleums, 2 yds. wide, regular 85 per yd. Owing to big stock this month—per yd. $1.00

Special This Month

Big stock SILK REMNANTS mostly cut from this seasons silks, will be on our Counters at big reductions until MAY 1st.

Don't Forget Friday

FRIDAY BARGAIN DAY used to be our quiet day but now it is our BUSY DAY. There is some reason for it is the BIG REDUCTIONS we make on that day. Among several other lines next FRIDAY April 27th, we will give a Reduction of 33⅓ per cent. off any Black Dress Skirt we have in stock. This is a big offer as we will show about nine dozen skirts on that day, some plain, some serge, some fancy.

HOT WEATHER is coming quickly and we have prepared for it by putting in a big assortment of Parasols. (Black is the color this season) all steel rods, won't break off—prices all the way from $1.00 to $7.00 each.

NOW IS THE TIME

[illegible] Here you will find a special stock of Tweeds and Serges to choose from. Irish Scotch and West of England Tweeds in all the latest patterns. One thing we can't help impressing upon you, that we do only the very best tailoring in every Suit we make. It is for your [illegible] days we get the Best Fit and save money for

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We have just got into stock a case of Mens Fancy Colored Shirts, newest patterns. They are made with detachable cuffs, open front, and are extra value at $1.25 and $1.50.

YOUR HAT

is here in any style you may want. A neat stiff Hat in Black or Brown is always dressy. For general use a Fedora is very popular. We have them in Pearl, Fawn, Brown, Black, Coffee and Slate, at 90c., $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50, and $2.75.

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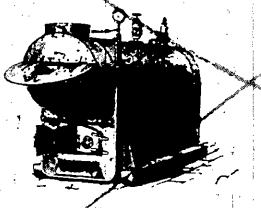

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